

# **UAS Core Questions for Panel Review**

## **OVERARCHING QUESTIONS**

1. What is the link between your institution's UAS and its mission and conceptual framework? Include a description of relationships and/or any other information that would inform the panel about the unique aspects of your system.
2. How do you know that your decisions concerning candidate progress are appropriate?
3. How do you know when to make program revisions based on candidate data?
4. How do you know when to modify the UAS?
5. How are you assessing candidate impact on student learning?

## **SPECIFIC ELEMENT PROMPTS**

### **Element 1. Assessment System and Unit Evaluation**

- Has the unit involved appropriate stakeholders as integral contributors to the creation, monitoring and modifying of the UAS?
- Has the unit clearly and thoroughly aligned its conceptual framework with INTASC principles and DPS content and developmental standards?
- Is the candidate assessment system—including decision points, rubrics, and other documentation—clearly explained to candidates?

### **Element 2. Data Collection, Analysis, and Evaluation**

- Does the unit have a thorough and meaningful system of aggregating candidate data, including data on each candidate's licensing standards, exams, and new beginning teacher assessment program?
- Are candidate and student data secure and confidential with clear guidelines concerning access and management?
- Is the management of the UAS clear, responsible, and linked to the institutional assessment plans or system?
- Is candidate assessment fair, consistent, thorough, systematic, organized, fully developed, well-managed and secure?

### **Element 3. Use of Data for Program Improvement**

- Are there clear guidelines for reviewing the UAS, including a logical timeline, description of continued stakeholder input, and a description of the process and criteria to be used in reviewing the UAS?
- Does the unit have a systematic and meaningful system for using candidate and student data to assess and modify the unit's conceptual framework and overall program?